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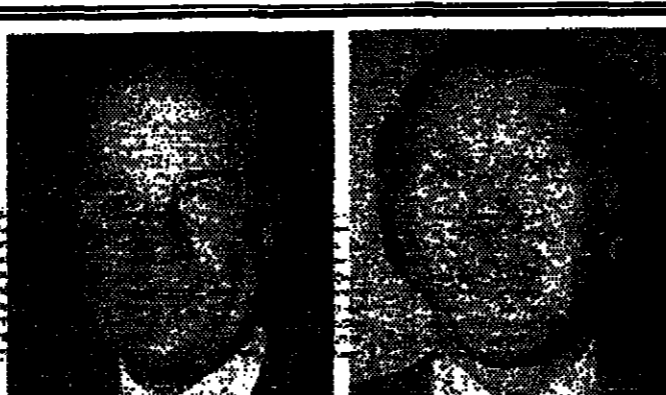
Food price rises in the United Kingdom would add one half of one per cent to the food price index...

Aid for pig producers outlined

Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, announced that the Government's decision to relieve the pig industry of the cost of veterinary inspections is being extended to all pig producers...

Delayed report 'critical' of Brixton police raids

The Home Office is to publish a report by the Police Complaints Board to Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, criticizing controversial raids by the Metropolitan Police on premises in Brixton...



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Humanitarian visit to islands acceptable

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Despite provocation Thatcher keeps her options open

GENERAL ELECTION

Mrs Thatcher, Conservative Prime Minister, said that where she decided to "play the election" the matter would be announced in the usual way...

Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C) suggested that there was nothing wrong in cutting and running, "providing one wins" and Mrs Thatcher replied, amid Conservative cheers...

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longer in some areas of single-party predominance has sent the Labour and Conservative candidates "scampering about."

The Conservative "meanwhile, are saying little as usual leaving their well-oiled local machines to carry the burden of defence."

It has been a year of relatively low rates (outside London and the big cities), which should help.

All the signs are that the turnout of voters will be no more than average for municipal elections. That means low, averaging between 30 and 40 per cent, which should favour the Conservatives.

According to Mr Neville Bogworth, the Conservative leader in Birmingham, if his party stays in power, the message to Mrs Thatcher will be clear: "The electorate will be reaffirming that resolute government, cost-effective, efficient government with economy is what the people want."

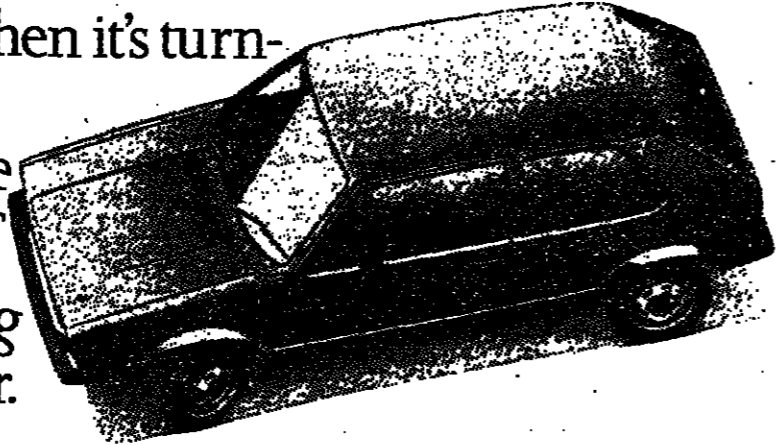
The accompanying table shows districts where the Labour Party and the Alliance would do well if there is any general swing in their direction. In Newbury, Cheltenham and Worthing the number of seats being fought has changed in line with boundary alterations; the table excludes candidates from other parties.

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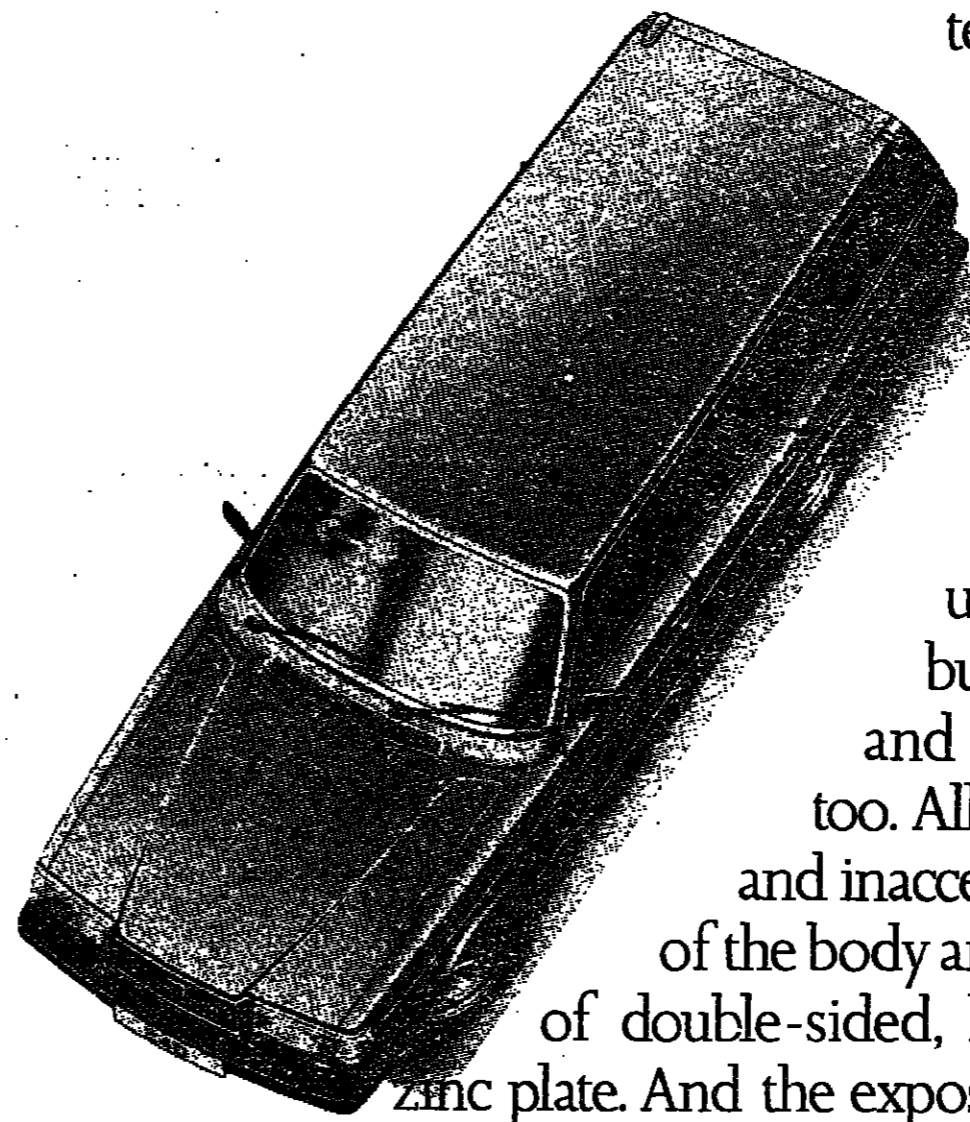
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One dissident held but Russia agrees to let another leave

The dissident writer Georgy Vladimov said yesterday that he had been told to report to the emigration office in Moscow next Tuesday to receive exit visas to West Germany for himself, his wife and his mother-in-law.

But on the same day, Mr Naum Meiman, aged 72, a dissident, was taken into custody by the KGB and questioned by the Moscow city prosecutor on alleged anti-Soviet activities.

The decision to allow Mr Vladimov to emigrate brings to an end a long struggle between the writer and the Soviet authorities. Mr Vladimov was a well known Soviet author until he became head of the Moscow branch of Amnesty International, and wrote a number of works critical of Stalinism and Soviet repressions.

He is best known in the West for his short novel *Faithful Russian*, the allegorical tale of a

prison-camp guard dog who adapts to the way which followed Khrushchev's partial dismantling of Stalin's Gulag system.

Last year Mr Vladimov, who is 52, was told by the KGB to renounce his anti-Soviet activities and asked to name other dissidents. He refused, and wrote to Mr Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader, in January, reluctantly asking for permission to leave the Soviet Union.

Mr Vladimov told *The Times* that the "last" been formally invited to leave for a year on modern Russian literature at Cologne university.

"Of course I understand that if they let me go I may not be going for one year but forever", Mr Vladimov said. He said he would not be surprised if he was stripped of his Soviet citizenship once he was in the West.

Emigration was a very serious and difficult step,

especially for a writer of 52 who now risks losing contact with his native soil, he said.

Mr Vladimov, who is in poor health and has already suffered one heart attack, said he would have preferred to leave Russia in the summer.

His case has been taken up by leading Western figures, including the West German writer Siegfried Lenz, and was the subject of talks between Herr Hans Jochen Vogel, the West German Social Democratic leader and Mr Andropov in Moscow in January.

Mr Naum Meiman has been a leading human rights activist in Russia for many years, and is a founder member of the Moscow Helsinki Monitoring Group. The group, set up to monitor Soviet observance of the human rights provisions of the 1975 Helsinki agreements, was dissolved last September after sustained KGB pressure on its leaders, including Dr

Andrei Sakharov, the physicist, and his wife Elena Bonner.

Mr Meiman has one less continued: to collect information on human rights abuses. The KGB searched his flat earlier this week and removed what it called "slandorous anti-Soviet material" as well as his typewriter and a tape recorder.

Also active in the Jewish movement, Mr Meiman has been seeking permission to emigrate to Israel for nearly 10 years.

● Americans held: Two men in a group of American visitors were held by police for two hours yesterday after making a public demand for an exit visa for young musician, teacher Boris Molchanov, who married an American woman in 1979, AFP reports.

The group released multi-coloured balloons, bearing the words "Release Boris", inside the Hotel Cosmos hall and distributed pamphlets



Trying again: Stanca Papisoin, the Romanian deported from Britain, applying for a British entry visa in Vienna yesterday.

Bases pact ratified by Spanish Parliament

From Harry Debelius Madrid

The Spanish Parliament has ratified by an overwhelming majority an agreement which allows the United States to continue using air and naval bases in Spain.

The powerful lower house, the Congress of Deputies, approved the agreement by 249 votes in favour, nine against, with seven abstentions. The only serious organized opposition to the proposal came from the Spanish Communist Party.

The text of the pact was the same as the one signed last July by the preceding Government, which was dominated by the Centre Democratic Union. But the addition of a protocol negotiated by the Socialist Government makes it clear that the agreement does not limit Spain's options with regard to its participation in Nato.

Without ratification of the pact, the US Air Force and Navy would have had one year to get out of Spain beginning next May 21.

The commitment, known as the Agreement on Friendship and Cooperation, authorizes the United States to continue to operate from a big naval air base at Rota in the south-west; have air bases at Torrejon near Madrid, Moron, near Seville, and Zaragoza, as well as supply bases and communications installations in other parts of the country.

Drive stepped up to harass Solidarity

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The Polish authorities appear to have intensified their campaign against the underground Solidarity movement in an attempt to stifle as many potential demonstrators as possible before the papal visit.

As underground activists prepare leaflets for the May Day rallies planned by Solidarity, police have moved in on several printing presses, rounding up many of the disbanded union's supporters.

The latest swoop came in Czesochowa where the Pope is due to spend four nights during his June visit. Several thousand leaflets were confiscated, according to an official communiqué, 35 people were detained for questioning and at least eight have been formally arrested. More than nine cities are involved in the crackdown, and investigations are said to be particularly intensive in towns on the papal schedule including Katowice, Cracow and Poznan.

Some of these actions have involved arrests, in others, suspects were simply issued with warnings that if they took part in the May Day protests, arrest would follow.

This campaign is being accompanied by a propaganda drive against the underground leadership and Mr Lech Walesa, chairman of Solidarity, which is being accused of trying to sabotage the papal visit. The official commentaries never really make clear why such a cancellation would be in the interests of Solidarity. However, the tone leaves no doubt about the Government's response to Mr Walesa's offer to

hold talks opening the way for national reconciliation.

The official view remains that Mr Walesa represents nobody but himself and is therefore not a negotiating partner, a view that is reinforced (from the government perspective) by Mr Walesa's openly declared contacts with the illegal underground Solidarity.

Mr Walesa is therefore clearly not optimistic.

At the same time, the Polish Government is stepping up pressure on cultural associations, many of whom provided intellectual support to the Solidarity movement. The debate about whether the writers and film makers' union can be reactivated continues and the authorities have now decided to suspend the artists' union. This is because the leadership of the union has refused to retract eight statements released over the past year critical of the status quo.

Meanwhile the World Jewish Congress, one of the most important Jewish organizations taking part in the official ceremonies marking the fortieth anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, has said that it will withdraw from the formal events after "a week of provocation and manipulation".

Many Jews have been critical of the way that the anniversary is being staged - above all the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization - and some have also been critical of the way that Solidarity turned one unofficial ceremony into a political rally.

Farm price rift over green rates

From Ian Murray Luxembourg

EEC agriculture ministers meet here again next Wednesday in an attempt to agree Community farm prices for the year ahead. The price package is already nearly a month overdue for agreement, and failure next week might well make it impossible for a settlement before June.

From Britain's point of view the remaining argument is a technical one, which Mr Peter Walker, the Agriculture Minister, will be able to watch rather snugly from the sidelines.

He has already been assured that the prices themselves will rise by only a modest 4.2 per cent overall, which puts an end to the need for him to continue to argue for price restraint.

But next week's meeting threatens to be particularly difficult precisely because the price settlement is so low.

This means that the countries who are members of the European Monetary System exchanges can only obtain increases in line with the value of their "green" exchange rates, which adjust prices in line with the relative strength of real exchange rates.

Press challenges De Lorean ban

From Christopher Thomas, New York

Associated Press and the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner will challenge the ban before an appeals judge next week. When imposing it, District Judge Robert Talangof said merely that he was trying to ensure a fair trial for Mr De Lorean. The case is due to begin in the summer.

Protests about the ban have also been formally presented to the judge by NBC News, CBS News, and the Greater Los Angeles Press Club. The fear is that the ban will set a precedent for other criminal trials, which traditionally receive extensive pretrial publicity.

Associated Press protested that "there is nothing so special about this case or Mr De Lorean's status that would warrant affording him this unprecedented protection".

100 found murdered in a cave

From Geoffrey Matthews Bogota

The discovery of the remains of more than 100 peasants, apparently shot by drug racketeers, has caused horror and outrage in Colombia. The remains, estimated to be about six years old, have been found in a cave in an isolated region of the northern Cesar Department.

Señor Edgardo Pupo Governor of Cesar, said after visiting the cave that the massacre must have been "a real holocaust carried out with Nazi-style efficiency".

Cesar is one of the departments in Colombia's Atlantic-Caribbean region where racketeers have long been active in overseeing the cultivation of marijuana on a vast scale. Although over the last two years the region has ceased to be a centre of marijuana cultivation it remains the main point from which marijuana and cocaine are smuggled across the Caribbean to Florida by air or boat.

In recent years, the United States has estimated that Colombia has been the source of 80 per cent of both the marijuana and cocaine (processed in Colombia from coca paste brought in from Bolivia and Peru) consumed in North America. However, due to the increasing cultivation of marijuana in the United States the racketeers currently appear to be switching their priorities to cocaine production.

At the estimated time of the massacre the Cesar department would still have been enjoying its "marijuana bonanza." Like many other peasants in isolated regions of Colombia, the victims of the massacre are thought to have cultivated marijuana for the racketeers for better money than they could earn from more traditional crops like cotton, rice or corn.

However, their earnings would have represented a tiny fraction of actual profits and one theory is that the massacre was caused by rebellion over wages. Another is that the racketeers staged a crude land seizure.

Señor Pupo declared bitterly: "This is a terrible event for the department, Colombia and the world, but especially for us in a civilized and democratic country which unfortunately has for some years been in the hands of drug traffickers who impose the law of death."

Turkey seeks Western aid against Armenians

Ankara (NYT) - Turkey has called on Western governments for help in preventing attacks on Turkish diplomats by radical Armenian groups.

It fears such attacks might increase as the anniversary approaches of mass arrests and deportations of Armenians from Istanbul on April 24, 1915. Under the Ottomans, most Armenians were deported to Syrian desert areas and hundreds of thousands died.

The Armenian patriarch of Istanbul has appealed to Armenians around the world to fight against Armenian extremists who have killed 26 Turkish diplomats in the past decade.

At a meeting of Nato defence ministers last month, Mr Haluk Bayulken of Turkey asked for cooperation against Armenian attacks.

In addition, Mr İler Turkmén, the Foreign Minister, visited Beirut, believed to be the main base for Armenian activists. He flew there on March 17, six days after Mr Galip Balkar, Turkey's ambassador in Belgrade, died of gunshot wounds.

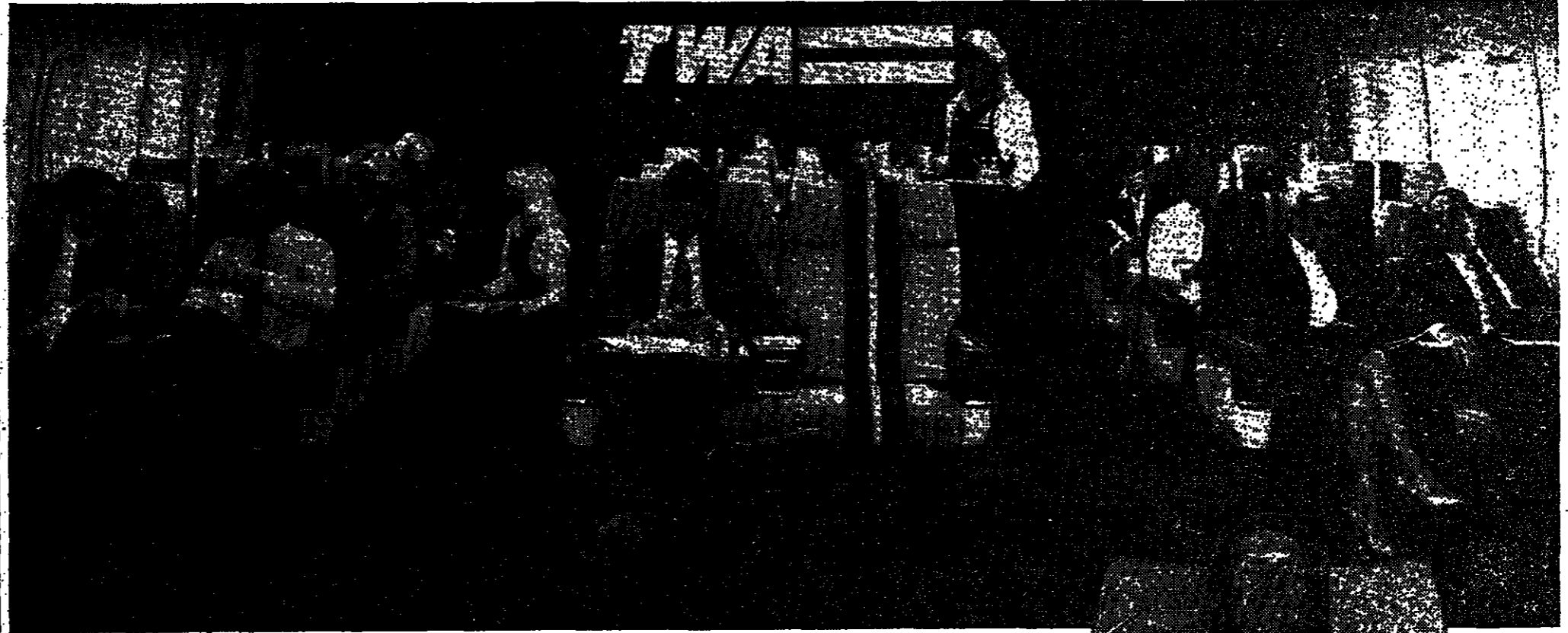
In Lebanon Mr Turkmén met President Amin Gemayel and Mr Ghazi al-Wazzan, the Prime Minister, and was said to have asked for help. He was reported to have pointed out that the two gunmen who shot the envoy in Belgrade travelled there on Lebanese passports.

Turkish officials have said they know little about the size, leadership and financing of the Armenian groups.

There appear to be two main groups. One is the Justice Commandos, described as pro-Western. The other is the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia, said to be pro-communist. Its leader ship is thought to have left Beirut for a base in Cyprus, Greece or France, according to some officials, but its members are said to remain in Lebanon.

Officials here said they believed the financing came essentially from Armenian businessmen, either out of conviction or through extortion.

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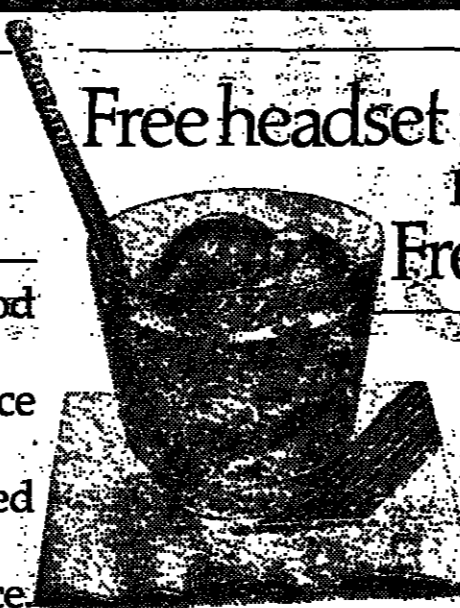


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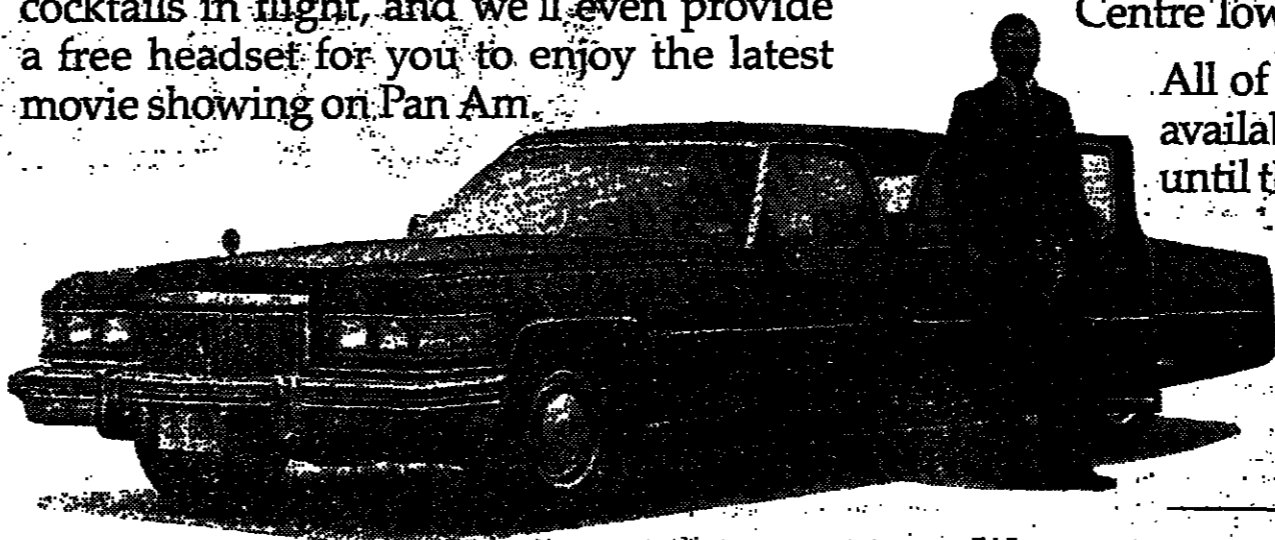
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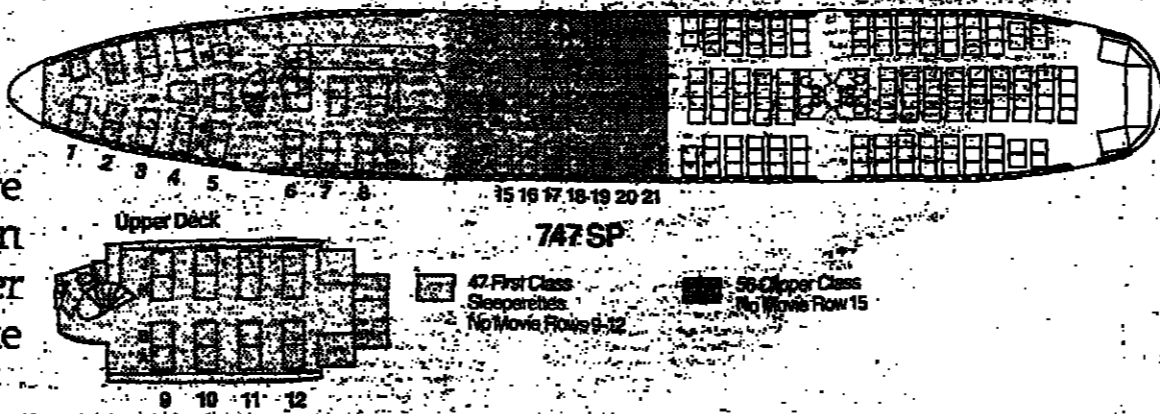
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All goes wrong on first sour day of tour for the royal couple

From Granis Forbes, PA. Court Correspondent, Wellington

A series of rows overshadowed the tour of the Prince and Princess of Wales in New Zealand yesterday as photographers downed cameras, a political agitator protested in court, some MPs felt snubbed because they had not received a special invitation, and a champagne toast went sour.

But under an overcast sky, from which came regular torrents of rain, the royal couple dutifully smiled throughout. It was the first unhappy day after five weeks on tour.

The four-week visit to Australia without a hitch and the representatives of the British press were surprised on Sunday to be greeted in Auckland with the news that the visit to New Zealand had been disrupted with only the local media in mind.

After days of pleading and argument, matters came to a head in Waiararua, when British journalists, who had faithfully followed the tour and made the Princess the star of hundreds of front pages on her first foreign visit, staged a boycott.

The final straw came when Mr Dick Butler, the media liaison officer in New Zealand, decided to prevent photographers from using a press lorry during a royal walkabout.

When British cameramen protested, he called the police and told security officers he was frightened the British contingent would smash up the lorry.

Reporters, who have been prevented from seeing the Prince and Princess during walkabouts by a line of white-helmeted police officers, agreed to join the protest and the walkabout through the city centre went unobserved by the British media.

It was agreed that the boycott would continue until matters were resolved with New Zealand Government officials.

After visiting a small Maori skill centre, the Prince and Princess went on to lunch with Mr Robert Muldoon, the Prime Minister.

Emotions were also running high at Wellington's District Court, where a tattooed Maori who bared his bottom to the Prince and Princess on Wednesday appeared before magistrates.

There was uproar when Mr Te Ekaipa Mihinui and another protester, Mr Doree Prince, refused to enter the dock. Mr Mihinui, aged 41, described as a political agitator, denied a charge of disorderly behaviour. He said he would have pleaded guilty if the charge

had been of showing contempt for the Royal Family.

He was remanded to appear in court in June.

Some MPs were also unhappy last night at being excluded from a ball at Government House at which the Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince Edward were guests of honour.

At the ball, a champagne toast to the Queen's fifty-first birthday went sour when both the Prince and the Princess pushed their glasses aside after a token sip.

Disaster struck when Sir David Beattie, the Governor-General asked the 600 guests at the function to raise their glasses in a loyal toast. No sooner were the words out of his mouth than he realised that every glass of wine had been removed by diligent waitresses.

After an awkward pause the royal couple and those at the top table were given a small measure of Spanish champagne.

Both the Prince and Princess, after taking one sip from the bubbly, toyed with their glasses in embarrassment. As a waitress whisked the offending drinks away, Prince Charles tactfully remarked: "What a waste of champagne."



The Prince and Princess of Wales dancing at the Wellington ball last night. Space was at a premium and the royal couple were stranded at the edge of the floor.

Carrington derides 'megaphone diplomacy' with the Russians

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Lord Carrington called on the West last night to start a new dialogue with the Soviet Union, as opposed to a silent wall of nerves broken only by bursts of "megaphone diplomacy".

The former Foreign Secretary also urged Europe to start playing a bigger defence role, but as a complement not an alternative to the Atlantic alliance.

He told the International Institute for Strategic Studies that he was not preaching a return to the détente policies of the 1970s. But we should be ready to do business with the Russians when it benefited both sides and when Moscow made it possible.

"Indiscriminate sanctions against the Soviet Union are neither feasible nor desirable. If they did not work against Mr Smith in Rhodesia, they are unlikely to bring down the Soviet empire," he said, in the annual Alastair Buchan memorial lecture.

It should not be our aim anyway to give them the excuse for strengthening their economic grip on Eastern Europe or repressing the aspirations of their own people.

Lord Carrington, who is now chairman of General Electric, said that the West had squandered its advantages in the past by what he called "competitive détente", offering semi-strategic exports at absurdly low interest rates in an undignified scramble for Eastern markets.

Now countries had over reacted by threatening to sever valuable trade links.

"I doubt if the Russians will be very impressed by these threats while America continues to supply them with bread and Europe with butter, and while the Poles go short of both."

In his most comprehensive review of international affairs since leaving the Foreign Office a year ago, Lord Carrington said we were witnessing the slow decline of the Soviet empire, but should beware of trying to bring down the crumbling edifice with one last shove.

"Our policy in Eastern Europe as elsewhere must be to encourage reform rather than

revolution. Sporadic convulsions ruthlessly put down by the Russians and their clients cannot be in the interests of these peoples themselves.

The Russians must learn and we must do what we can to teach them over the years that their security interests are not best served by an endless cycle of repression, but by giving the people of Eastern Europe a voice in their own destiny."

In an analysis of how Europe could pull its weight more effectively within Nato, he favoured a better division of labour between the member states, with Britain concentrating her own contribution through the Royal Navy.

The British, he said, with European and American support, had just sailed 8,000 miles to protect a handful of their kith and kin on a remote island. Could anyone doubt that we would fight to protect 55 million people at home?

There was now a little less talk about neutralism in Western Europe.

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Soviet drive against Afghan insurgents

Delhi (NYT) - A Western diplomat here has said that a big Soviet-led offensive was under way in north-west Afghanistan against insurgent positions. Heavy casualties were reported in the fighting, which was said to be continuing on the outskirts of Herat, near the Iranian border.

The informant quoted a diplomatic report from Kabul as saying that Soviet and Afghan troops has opened the assault after making heavy air attacks on areas around Herat suspected of sheltering Muslim guerrillas opposed to the Babrak Karmal regime.

The drive, which apparently began some time this month, is reported to have come in the wake of big insurgent attacks on Soviet and Afghan forces. The offensive, came amid preparations in Kabul for observances of the fourth anniversary of the military coup of April 27, 1978, which placed the first of three pro-Soviet Marxist governments in power in Afghanistan.

Heavy fighting was also reported this month between Soviet troops and insurgents around the cities of Kandahar, Ghazni and Mazar-i-Sharif near the Afghan-Soviet frontier.

An insurgent success was reported from the northern Panjshir Valley, through which the main highway connecting

Kabul with the Soviet Union runs. There three rival Afghan insurgent factions were reported to have joined forces for an ambush on April 1 of a large Soviet-Afghan military convoy.

Some Russian soldiers were reported to have been killed.

The three rebel groups involved in what the diplomat said was a rage display of unity were identified as the Hezb-i-Islami, the Jamat-i-Islami and the Harakat-i-Islam. The diplomat said Mr Ahmed Ihsoud, the guerrilla leader in the valley, did not participate.

On April guerrillas were reported to have overrun a military post in southern Kabul, killing or capturing all the troops. The insurgent were said to have been aided by an Afghan soldier at the post.

The Diplomatic report added that Kabul had been relatively quiet recently. On April 3, however, a noisy and violent demonstration erupted in the centre of the capital after a Soviet soldier shot and killed a young Afghan student during a brief quarrel.

Hundreds of Kabul residents were said to have shouted anti-Soviet slogans and hurled rocks at the Russian soldier and his vehicle after the shooting. Order was restored when Afghan troops arrived, disarmed the Russian and took him away.

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Bonn given border death details

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

An East-West German transit commission meeting in East Berlin yesterday discussed in detail the death of a West German traveller in East Germany as the reverberations of the affair continued to echo through political circles here.

The East Germans delivered a detailed explanation of how Herr Rudolf Burkert met his death, and this has been passed on to Bonn. East Germany has meanwhile invited a West German forensic expert to make an on-the-spot investigation and talk to witnesses and to the interrogating officers.

The West Germans complained to the commission of the increasing harassment of travellers to West Berlin.

Newspapers gave a warning yesterday that people who gave even chocolate or cigarettes to East Germans in route could face fines of up to 700 marks (£180). They said border guards were increasingly resorting to spot checks on the air pressure in spare tyres and imposing instant fines in cases of infringement of the regulations.

Meanwhile the Social Democratic opposition has sharply attacked Herr Franz Josef Strauss, leader of the Christian Social Union, for his claim that Herr Burkert was murdered.

The SPD said he was trying to force the Government of change its policies towards East Germany, and said ideology was more important to him than a patient striving for the alleviation of human conditions in East Germany.

Survivors tell of yacht attack

Hongkong (Reuter) - Four survivors of the attack on a West German yacht in the South China Sea had to bury a friend at sea when he died only a day before they were rescued after nine days adrift, the skipper said yesterday.

Herr Peter Marx described how his 51ft yacht Sidharta was hit and set ablaze by artillery fire as it approached Vietnamese-occupied Amboyna Can Island, one of the remote, disputed Spratly Group, on Easter Sunday.

He said the attackers, whom he would not identify, had fired no warning shots, were flying no flag and "obviously did not want any witnesses".

"You can work out for yourself who they were," he said in a radio-telephone interview from the cargo ship which picked up the survivors from a small dinghy on Tuesday in the busy sea lanes between Singapore and Hongkong.

Herr Diethelm Müller was killed during the attack but Herr Gero Baad survived until Monday, though badly hurt.

"I made a thorough check that he was no longer alive," Herr Marx said. "We said a prayer. Then we had to push him over the side. It was very sad." Next day they were spotted.

● BONN: the Bonn Government yesterday condemned the shelling of the Sidharta and a Foreign Ministry statement said Bonn would make representations to the country responsible as soon as it was absolutely clear who had fired on the yacht.

Hanoi condemns Peking

Hanoi (AFP) - Vietnam accused China yesterday of another cross-border operation and renewed shelling attacks. A communique carried by the official Vietnam news agency said that Chinese gunners had fired 50 mortar rounds on a village in Cao Bang province, killing two people and wounding four others.

It said that a group of between eight and 10 Chinese

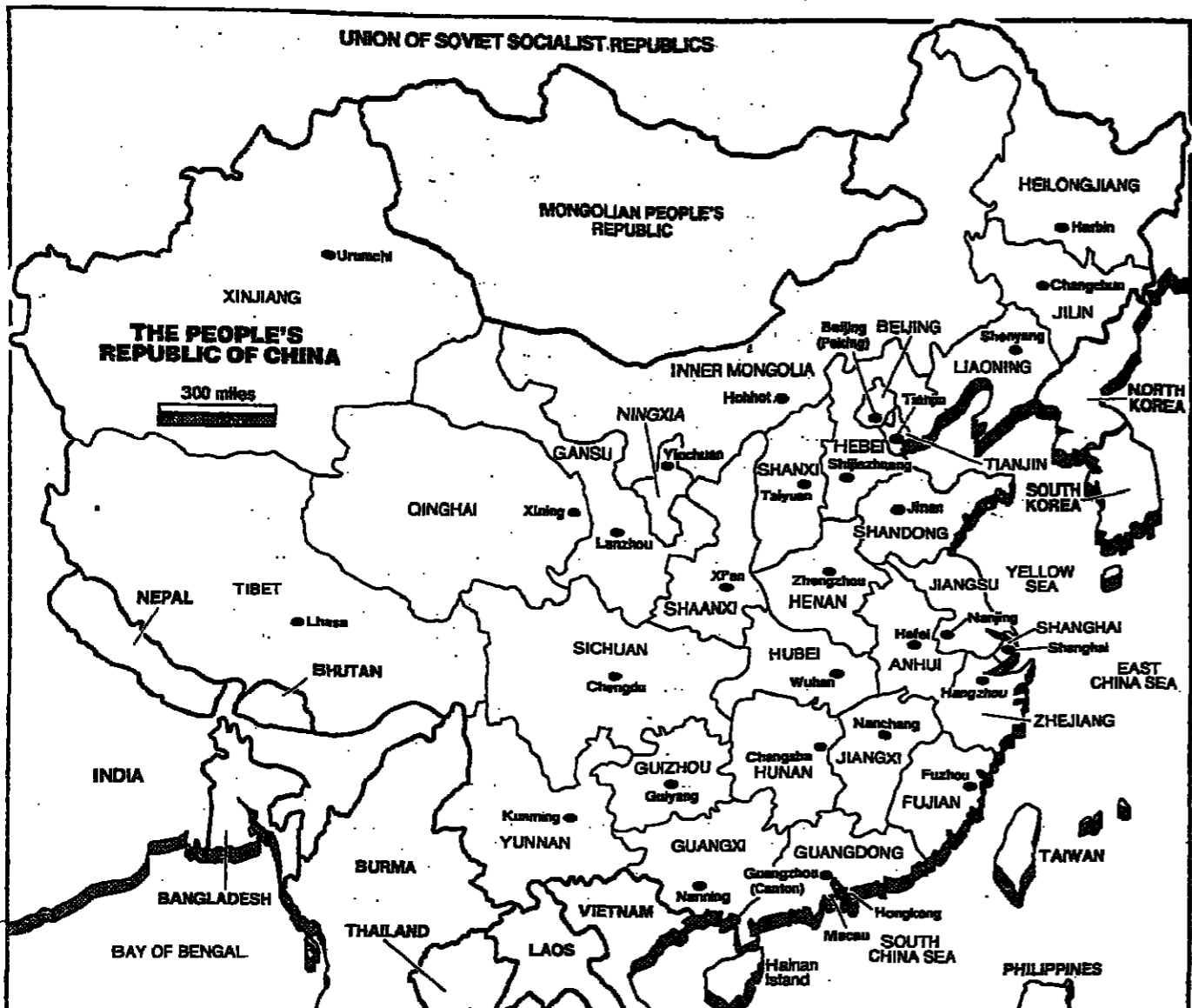
soldiers had entered the north-west Vietnamese province of Hoang Lien Son and opened fire on the population, wounding a certain number of people.

The same day, the communique said, dozens of Chinese shells fell on a part of Cao Bang and the neighboring province of Ha Tuyen. It did not indicate what the casualties were.

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 campaign. Peasants could grudgingly absorb extra daughters; now they have little choice and most make up their minds to either kill a female baby or to let it live and try again for a boy. They would then of course incur the displeasure of village cadres and local party leaders who have to monitor the birth quotas and answer to their superiors as to the success of their efforts.

An additional factor which does not augur well for the future educational or cultural levels of the rural population, relates indirectly to the recently initiated personal responsibility system (PRS), the euphemistic label for private production by peasants. This encourages the use of children's labour and could detract from the value of full school attendance, particularly in the case of girls.

In addition, some peasants are apparently prepared to forego the uncertain package of financial incentives associated with the one child family bonus scheme.

To counteract these tendencies some provinces have encouraged local units to make a "birth control responsibility system". Failure to utilize contraceptives or take "remedial measures" (abortions) results in a fine and cancellation of an agricultural contract and even withdrawal of private agricultural plots.

With an 80 per cent rural population, China needs positive rather than punitive government intervention on a large scale if the agricultural responsibility system is to be encouraged and a considerable reduction in family size is to be achieved. It is estimated that most rural families have and still want at least three children, and nearly 20 per cent of all rural births last year were third children or higher.

Until recently the absence in China of a corps of demographers able to investigate and

experiment in research design, survey and evaluation, precluded sound and accurate demographic advice.

Accordingly, the most important of the 1982 census results would perhaps be the discrete abandonment of the ethereal target of under 1,200 million for the year 2000, and the development of sounder, safer and more sensitive socio-demographic policies. It is certainly necessary to lower national population targets if they have been unsoundly over-inflated in the first place. But a change in goals, facilitating a population for the year 2000 of 1,250 or 1,300 million, would relieve the enormous pressures on Chinese families during the remaining years of this decade.

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 Melbourne, Victoria.*

RELIGION

The right to worship in an atheist state

The traditional view that a Chinese was "Confucian in office, Taoist in retirement and Buddhist as death approached", once summarised the gutless practicality and eclecticism characteristic of the Chinese attitude to religion.

The contemporary state is officially atheist but its citizens are constitutionally free to believe in Buddhism, Taoism, Islam or Christianity as long as these constitute neither a threat to national security nor to health. The attitude of the state to religion has been ambivalent, ranging from tolerance to the destructiveness of the Red

guards in the Cultural Revolution.

Officially, religion is combated with science in the assumption that it will slowly wither in the face of implacable logic. The usefulness of religious monuments in China's lucrative tourist trade means, however, that the atheist state pays for the upkeep and repair of major temples, churches and mosques. The price that monks, nuns, pastors and imams have to pay is that of large groups of foreign and Chinese tourists among the faithful.

Each major religion has a governing association which, in the words of Zhao Puchu, President of the Buddhist Association, "acts as a bridge through which the Government keeps in touch with Buddhist affairs and opinions, and its policy is conveyed to believers". The leader of China's Protestants, Bishop Ting, who visited Britain last year, is like Zhao Puchu, a skilled diplomat, constantly compelled to juggle Marxism and Christianity and balance conflicting interests.

The Constitution forbids "foreign control" of religion, so relations with believers in the outside world are one of the most delicate issues. Some think that it was outside support that kept Islam, Christianity and Buddhism going during the Cultural Revolution. Certainly the only religion with no substantial outside contacts, Taoism, appears to be in serious decline.

Numbers of adherents are difficult to discover since the estimates of the Chinese Religious Affairs Bureau are very low, and those of outside religious bodies often excessively high. There are anywhere between 10 and 20 million Muslims and more than three million Protestants (which is three times the number in 1949). There are probably between three and six million Catholics. The number of Buddhists is even harder to

guess, but some people have claimed that there are up to 100 million. Sadly, there are only a few thousand Taoists left. Confucianism withered at the end of the imperial house.

Many Chinese still appear to be Buddhist as death approaches, for one of the most flourishing centres is the Nine Flower Mountain in Anhui province, dedicated to Ksitigarbha, the God of Hell. This was traditionally a place of pilgrimage for the bereaved and now the monks hold an almost continuous cycle of masses for the dead.

Relatives pay for a mass with up to five monks dressed as Ksitigarbha in splendid red robes and as many as 30 others chanting for four hours. They travel for up to 1,000 miles to this place of Buddhist salvation, which also attracts young postulants from all over China.

The majority of China's Muslims live in Chinese Turkistan, on the border with the Soviet Union. They are mainly Uighurs and Kazakhs, whose language and culture differ from the rest of China. Relations with the Chinese are often difficult and, by the Uighurs at least, are often expressed in religious terms.

To the Chinese Government, the strength of Islam among the minorities in this sensitive border area is potentially dangerous for it could provide a platform for separatism or discontent.

The outside world and the danger of foreign interference have played a major part in the life of the Christian Churches in China. After 1949 the Protestants quickly set up the "three self patriotic movement of Protestants Churches of China", stressing allegiance to the new Chinese government. Tied by the implacable rule of loyalty to the Vatican, China's Catholics demurred. They were not helped by the Vatican policy of recognizing refugee cardinals in Taiwan and the upgrading of its representative there to full nunciature status. Though a Catholic Patriotic Association was set up, some refused to recognize it. In 1981, about 20 Catholics, including some Jesuits, were arrested in Shanghai for presumed loyalty to Rome.

Though the Protestants have suffered less because of their relations with the outside world, they face some internal problems. A man called Witness Li (or Nee) formed a group called The Little Flock and then left for America. Staunch members of the Flock, one of whom kept a tame sheep in her Peking courtyard until anti-pet campaigns of the 1950s led to its slaughter, are placed in a difficult position by the betrayal and absenteeism of their leader.

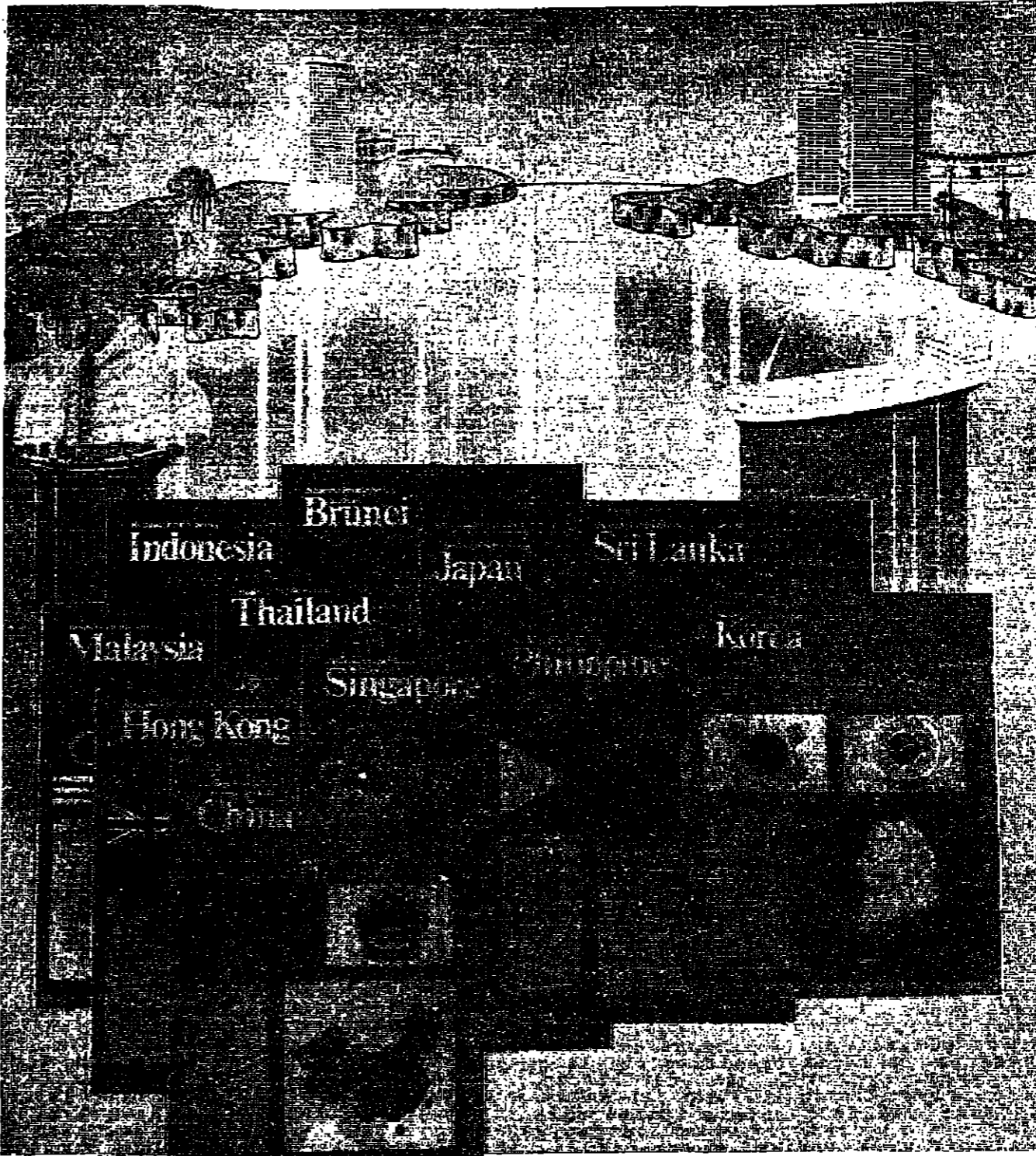
There is also a rather embarrassing heretical sect called The Yellers. Acting on an unusual interpretation of a verse in St John's Gospel, they shout, "Thank you, Jesus Christ. We are greater than you and you are smaller than we". They are an embarrassment to the Protestant authorities.

The future of religion in China is not easy to predict. The slow decline of Taoism suggests that, without outside help, the future of religion is uncertain. Continuing problems with Catholics loyal to the Vatican suggest that outside support is also very provocative to the Chinese authorities.

Even during the Cultural Revolution, people managed to maintain their faith with discretion. The great grandmother of a friend of mine was a devout Buddhist with no images to worship so she decided that a corner of the window sill was her altar and she prayed to that. Unostentatious practicality of that sort is probably the best method for the survival of religion in China. Excessive zeal would be both dangerous and out of keeping with tradition.

Frances Wood

The author, who is research assistant in the Chinese section of the British Library, has climbed three of the Holy Mountains in China.



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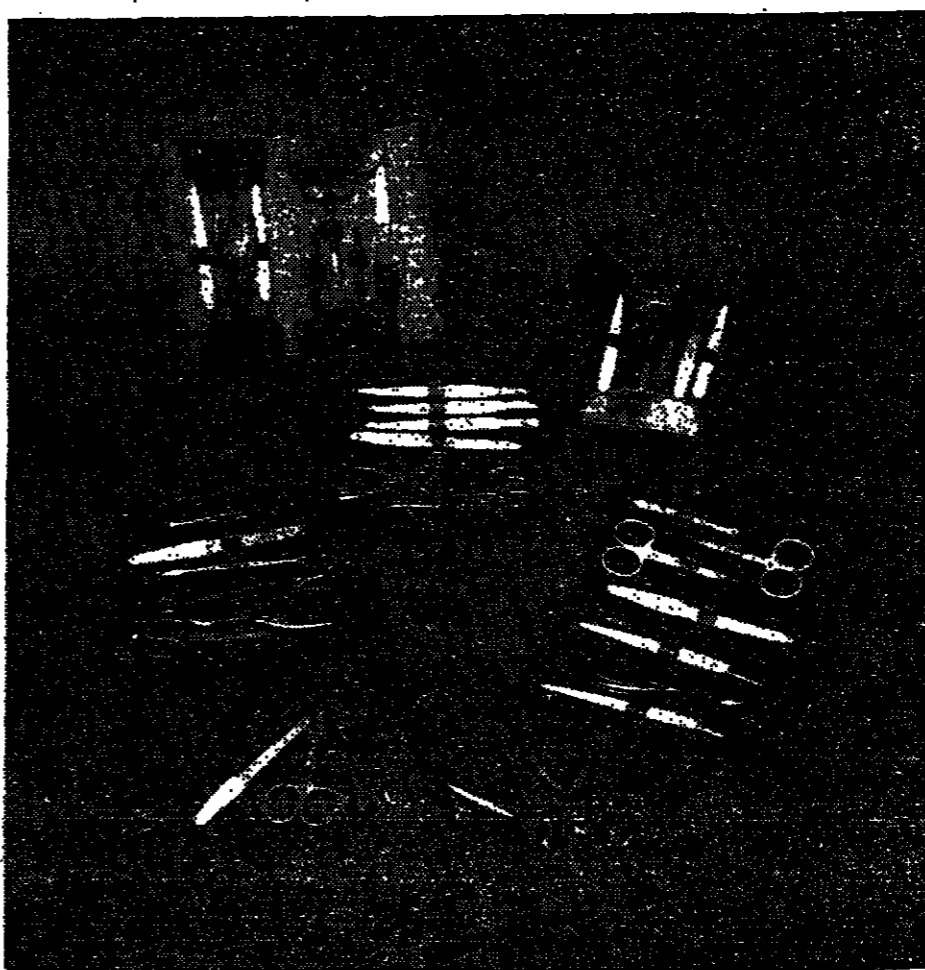
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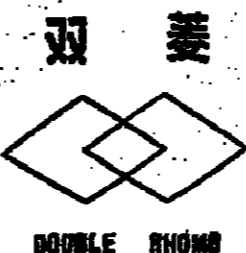
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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark US buyers flock back

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, April 11. Dealings end, April 22. Consignee Day, April 25. Settlement Day, May 3.

US buyers returned to the market yesterday, pushing up the prices of leading stocks in a flurry of activity as ICI, Britain's biggest industrial group, confirmed what the rest of the stock market had known for months - that the group is on the mend.

The shares jumped to a record high of 470p in response to the chairman's optimistic comments. Brokers estimated that up to five million shares changed hands following the speech by Mr John Harvey-Jones.

Earlier this month Scottish brokers Wood Mackenzie upgraded their full year profits by £102m to £462m on the basis of an improved performance from the pharmaceutical division and reduced losses in petrochemicals.

Yesterday Mr Harvey-Jones confirmed that pharmaceuticals had turned in a god performance enabling the group to concentrate on further rationalization among the loss makers. The chairman's words were just the tonic the market needed, carrying far more weight than the Confederation of British Industry or any Government minister. Jobbers already short

of stock marked prices sharply higher as blue chips established double figure gains.

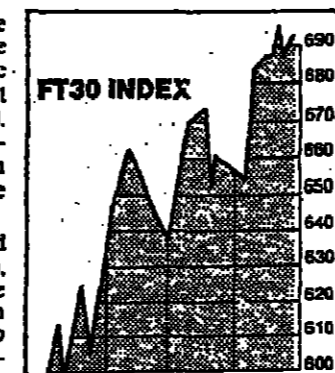
The FT index closed 13.8 up at 692.0 - its best one-day gain since February 3 when it

with big American interests. 17p dearer at 231p. Recovery stocks also benefited. T Group rose 14p to 164p and GKN 10p to 161p. Only Glaxo missed out, closing 10p lower at 930p.

Glits failed to join in the euphoria, still keeping a close eye on sterling's performance on the foreign exchange where it lost 0.6 cents to \$1.5340. Dealers had to content themselves with gains of up to 1/2p in longs, while shorts showed little improvement on the day.

Shares of Mariner returned after a brief suspension at 65p, but later slipped to 58p on the news that agreements between Canada Northwest and two Mariner directors, Mr J Kinard and Mr Timothy Fish, for the grant of options and voting rights of their holdings were subject to approval from the Takeover Panel. As a result the offer to the rest of Mariner's shareholders has been shelved.

Arden Electrical encountered an early bout of profit-taking, sliding to 340p, but recovered along with the rest of the market to close unchanged at 355p still reflecting hopes for big orders from the Hanover Trade Fair.



FT30 INDEX. Good two-way trade developed in Commercial Union, Britain's biggest insurance offer, with the shares ending the day up at 149p, despite Tuesday's report in The Times of increasing scepticism over the

group's chances of making the most from any recovery in the US market. Lloyd's broker Minet Holdings slipped 2p to 136p in the wake of St Paul of Minnesota's decision to pick up a further 3.8 million shares, taking its stake to just under 25 per cent. Minet's figures on Wednesday also showed an exceptional item of £1m relating to legal costs. Still reflecting recent figures Hawker Siddeley added a further 8p to 390p.

On the takeover front, shares of UDS Group were unchanged at 134p despite the news that Hanson Trust had bought a further 1.5 million shares, taking its stake to 25.35 million shares or 13.24 per cent of the equity.

Meanwhile, brokers Cazenove bought a further 1.6 million shares in Thomas Tilling on behalf of their clients, BTR, at 189.5p.

Big speculation was good for 3p on Debenhams at 124p in the belief that Mr Gerald Ronson and his Bassishaw consortium would bid for the group if its offer for UDS fell through. Mr Ronson already owns about 1 million shares which he bought through one of his subsidiaries

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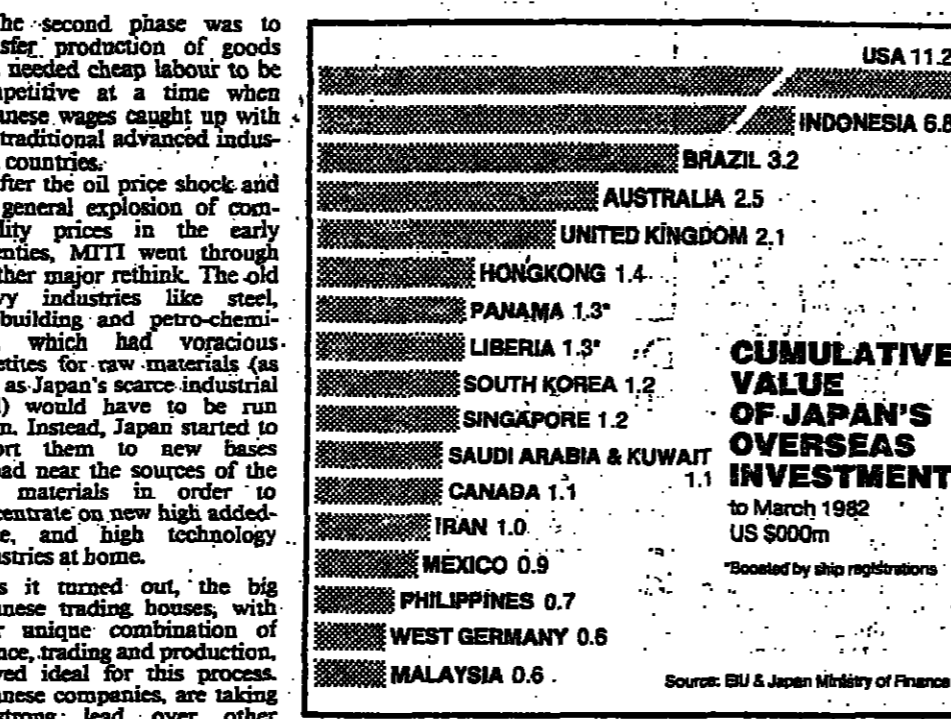
Turner & Newall changes top roles

With the post of group managing director lapsing at Turner & Newall, Mr R. D. N. Somerville will deputize for the chairman, Sir Frank Tombs, as chief executive.

After success with TVs and cars, foreign investment is target, says Graham Searjeant

At last, a Japanese export from which Britain can benefit

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have clearly formed an attachment for South Wales. In the latest official survey, the main Japanese complaints centred on their children learning English with Welsh accents and on the paucity of Japanese restaurants outside London.

The paradox of oil policies

Those who are partial to current affairs quizzes might care to try this question. Which leading politician delivered himself a few days ago of the following remarks: "The market place is no textbook model, no abstract set of equations. It is a bustling imperfect real world of conflict and cooperation, of risk and reward, of expectations and uncertainties?"

IMI BUILDING PRODUCTS - HEAT EXCHANGE - DRINKS DISPENSE - FLUID POWER. Some upturn in our confidence. Sir Robert Clark, Chairman, reports on a year of mixed fortunes. Summary of Results: 1982 vs 1981. Group external sales by product areas: Drinks dispense (£67m), Building products (£146m), Refined and wrought metals (£162m), Heat exchange (£73m), Fluid power (£57m), General engineering (£87m), Special-purpose valves (£41m).

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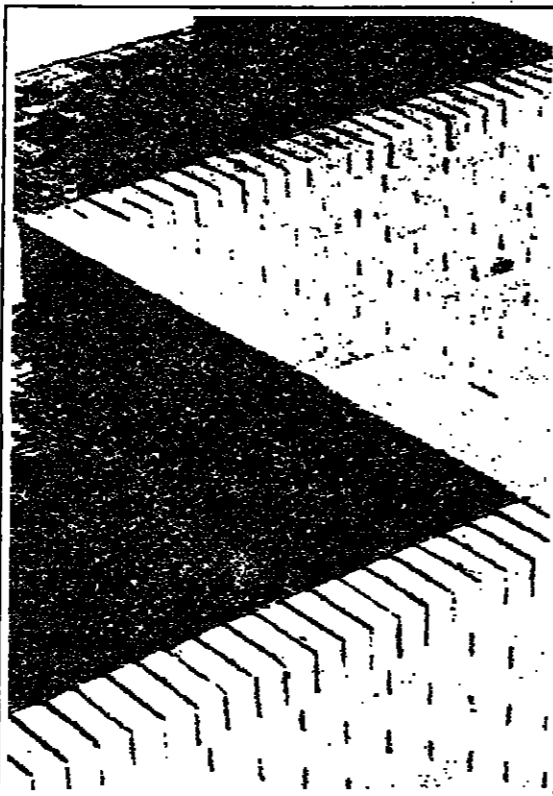
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REVIEW OF OPERATIONS.

London Brick Products

Under the new structure the manufacturing and marketing of brick, and other clay products passed to London Brick Products Limited, the largest of the new subsidiaries.

An increase in housing starts showed through in both the private and public sectors but the growth



in private commercial building was compensated for by a further reduction in industrial building. Stocks are now at a more reasonable level to match both current deliveries and the expectation of a higher level of demand in 1983.

Three new bricks were added to the Oxford Clay fletton range and additional products have been added to the Clockhouse range which provides bricks of a traditional, handmade appearance at a competitive price.

London Brick Landfill

During 1982 Landfill consolidated its position at the forefront of waste management services and land reclamation. Further progress was made in long-term negotiations with Local Authorities and other organisations which could provide considerable scope for expansion in years to come.

London Brick Property

London Brick Property Limited was formed to own and manage all London Brick lands, apart from those permanently occupied by other subsidiaries. It is charged with achieving maximum

potential from this resource by overseeing its use from initial agriculture through excavation and restoration to its permanent after-use for agriculture or other purposes.

The company's subsidiary, London Brick Farms achieved a satisfactory year continuing to gain benefit from advances in agricultural technology and despite difficult weather had a sound and encouraging start to 1983.

London Brick Engineering

The skills and resources of London Brick's engineering section were made available to external customers following the formation of London Brick Engineering.

Since its involvement with the design and construction of a brick factory for the Middle East, it has actively sought similar contracts and is negotiating for a contract to design and build a £5.5 million brick factory for Swaziland.

Its unique skills were also employed to provide a wide variety of services to London Brick Products.

Banbury Alton

Banbury Alton made progress. The programme of changes which had been planned was implemented and losses were reduced.

The largest subsidiary of Banbury Alton has continued to suffer from losses in its Home Improvement Division. It has been decided to accept an offer for this company which will relieve us of a business which has been a burden to the Group for a number of years.

Croydex

Despite depressed market conditions both at home and abroad, the company continued to make steady progress and had a satisfactory year.

London Brick Australia

During 1982 we acquired a 19.99% holding in Brick and Pipe Industries Limited, the leading brickmakers in Victoria and South Australia. They are a well-managed and efficient company and one with which London Brick is proud to be associated.

Form for requesting a copy of the 1982 Annual Report, including fields for Name, Address, and Postcode.

Study backs Treasury Select Committee

By Frances Williams
Economics Correspondent

The Treasury Select Committee must be judged a success, even though there is little sign that the Treasury has significantly modified its actions as a result of the committee's recommendations, a study concludes today.

The study, by Mr John Hills, formerly on the committee's staff and now with the Institute for Fiscal Studies, says that of the 19 reports produced by the committee in its three years' existence about half received no written reply, notably those on macro-economic policy.

None of the committee's reports has been debated in the Commons, though Mr Hills points out that only five reports from all the select committees - 3 per cent of the total - have been debated since the new committee system was set up in 1979.

But Mr Hills, writing in the institute's journal, *Fiscal Studies*, says this does not mean the Treasury Select Committee has been ineffective. Its role as a publishing house of evidence extracted both from inside and outside Government is alone enough to justify its existence.

In addition the committee is able to put across important issues on political agenda.

Turn Venice's seaweed into methane, says ENI

From John Earle, Rome

The seaweed which clogs up areas of the Venice lagoon, killing fish, could be recycled in a biogas process and give the city enough methane for domestic cooking and heating needs, according to Signor Gabriele Petazzoni of the state-owned ENI group.

He said: "already, from the end of 1984, we will be in a position to transform 10,000 cubic metres of biogas a day into methane."

Signor Petazzoni, an executive of ENI's subsidiary Agip Nucleare-Crista, said this was based on a £300 (£135,000) study, financed partly by the European Community, which had been underway since 1981.

A pilot processing project has begun and the possibilities are also being studied of transforming seaweed into fertilizer and animal feed.

"It still needs a great deal of research, however," Signor Petazzoni added.

WALL STREET

Table of Wall Street stock prices and market data, including columns for various stocks and their prices.

Base Lending Rates

Table listing base lending rates for various banks and financial institutions, such as ABN Bank, Barclays, BCCI, etc.

Advertisement for TOMATIN DISTILLERS PLC, including details about a 7 per cent cumulative convertible preference shares issue of £1 each at par, and contact information for Kleinwort, Benson Limited and Henderson Crosthwaite & Co.

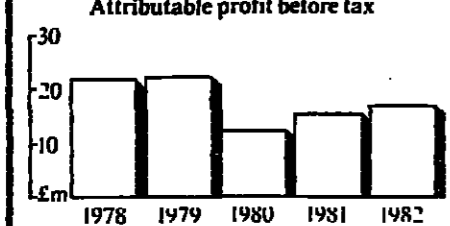
Our five-year progress reflects the growing importance of agriculture

Points made by the Chairman, Michael H Caine

Booker McConnell's pre-tax profit in 1982 was 11% higher than in 1981. Engineering achieved a marked return to profitability and there was welcome growth in profits from Agriculture. A weak performance in the cash and carry business was the main reason for the poor profit in Food Distribution.

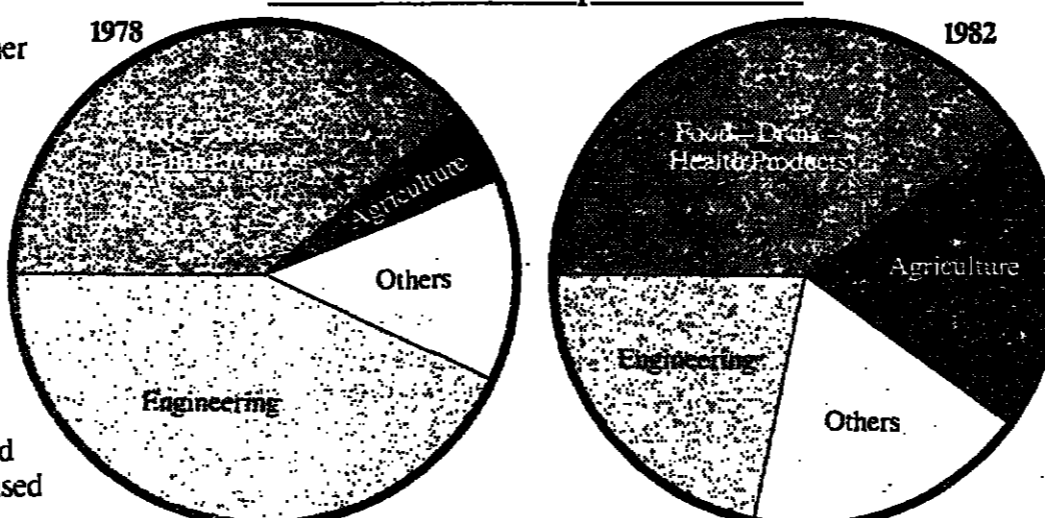
Divisional Performance

In the Engineering Division, Plenty achieved a major profit increase. SPP's profit was higher despite depressed market conditions. Fletcher Sutcliffe Wild benefited from increased National Coal Board expenditure; its sale to Dobson Park Industries was announced in March 1983.



The three consumer-oriented divisions suffered from the effects of the recession on demand. In Health Products and Spirits and Liqueurs market shares were maintained by a high level of marketing expenditure. Budget improved but the setback in food wholesaling was serious; 1983 will see aggressive marketing, improved productivity, reduced stocks and better use of management information.

Source of attributable profit before tax



In Agriculture, the 45% interest in Ibec had a healthy increase in profit. Arbor Acres successfully withstood the effects of the US recession on the chicken broiler breeding industry. The shareholding in Ibec was increased to 80% in April 1983.

In response to declining cargoes to Guyana, Booker Line's four owned ships were laid up pending sale. Using smaller, chartered ships, its westbound service continues profitably. The slight profit increase in Authors' was mainly due to Agatha Christie's continuing popularity.

Prospects for 1983

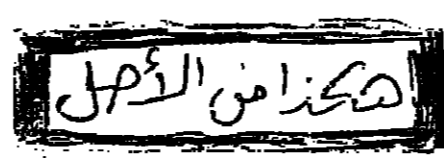
In Engineering profit in 1983, without Fletcher Sutcliffe Wild, may be lower. In Food Distribution profit will be higher but profitability in the cash and carry business may not be back to an acceptable rate until 1984.

	1982	1981
Turnover	£m 968	£m 933
Attributable profit before tax	£m 17.0	£m 15.3
Earnings per share	pence 9.97	pence 10.20
Dividends per share	pence 3.75	pence 3.50

Health Products should return to the 1981 level but in Spirits and Liqueurs the strength of Tia Maria may not entirely make up for the weakness of the UK dark rum market. Agriculture's contribution will be larger due to the increased shareholding, although a significant increase in Ibec's profit is not expected. The recovery in Shipping should be maintained. In total, a further improvement in profit is expected in 1983.



Contact form for Booker McConnell PLC, including fields for Name, Address, and a request for a copy of the report and accounts.



House of Lords

No trade-dispute immunity for secondary action

Wife-swap pact unenforceable

Merkur Island Shipping Corporation v Laughton and Others
Before Lord Diplock, Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord Keith, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook and Lord Brightman
[Speeches delivered April 21]

The immunity from action in tort granted by section 13(1) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 in respect of acts done in furtherance of a trade dispute was withdrawn by section 17(1) of the Employment Act 1982 when a person, in furtherance of a trade dispute, induced or procured employees of an employer who was not a party to the dispute to break their contracts of employment and such breach necessarily constituted an interference in the performance of a contract for the supply of services because the procuring of the breaches of contracts of employment in such circumstances amounted to "secondary action" within the meaning of section 17(2) of the 1980 Act and did not satisfy the requirements of section 17(3). The provisions in question were regarded by the House of Lords as having been intended to deal with industrial relations.

The House of Lords unanimously dismissed an appeal from the Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Dillon) on November 4, 1982 (*The Times*, November 5, 1982), whereby that court dismissed an appeal by appellants, officers of the international Transport Workers Federation (ITF) from an order of Mr Justice Parker, of July 23, 1983 granting interlocutory injunctions to effect requiring them to lift the blocking of the vessel Hoegh Apapa at Liverpool, which had arisen in the course of a trade dispute between the owners of the vessel and the ITF.

On July 15, 1982, the vessel, which was let under a time charter to Leif Hoegh & Co, and sub-chartered to Ned Lloyd, arrived at Liverpool for loading. Having learnt that the shipowners were paying its largely Filipino crew less than the rate of wages approved by ITF, ITF persuaded tugmen engaged since the start of the dispute in breach of their contract of employment with the tugowners, to move the ship out of the dock.

The shipowners obtained an injunction from Mr Justice Parker requiring ITF to lift the blocking on the ship but on the same day the particularly high tide required lock-keepers to leave the dock gates open and the ship escaped from the dock without the use of tugs.

Mr Chief Justice, QC and Mr Nicholas Merriman QC and Mr Roger Buckley QC and Mr Timothy Charlton for the shipowners.

LORD DIPLOCK said that the injunction came too late to have any practical consequences, but the question whether Mr Justice Parker misdirected himself in law in holding that the shipowners had a cause of action against ITF had not been rendered moot by the fact that the shipowner's writ included

claims in tort for damages under two alternative heads: (1) damages for deliberate interference with and/or threat to the performance of a time charter with Leif Hoegh & Co; and (2) damages for deliberate interference with and/or threat to the shipowners' such interference and/or threat being brought about by unlawful means, namely wrongfully procuring and/or inducing and/or threatening to procure or induce (persons) concerned with the free passage or working of the ship.

It was under (1) that Mr Justice Parker held that the shipowners had shown a cause of action at common law in respect of which it was unlikely that ITF would succeed in establishing a primary immunity from liability under section 13 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 as modified by section 17 of the Employment Act 1980.

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H v H
Before Mr Justice Ewbank
[Judgment delivered April 21]

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Those first marriages were dissolved in 1977 and there was a division of assets. In discussion before the divorces it was agreed that there would be remarriages and that each man would support and provide a home for his new partner.

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Regina v Leeds Justices, Ex parte T
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Mr Raphael Cohen for the father; Mrs Linda Sutcliffe for the mother.

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GOLF: GARRIDO AND SIECKMANN TAKE CHARGE IN MADRID

Ballesteros a Spanish civil war victim

From John Hennessy, Golf Correspondent, Madrid
If Severiano Ballesteros held the attention on the first day of the Madrid Open championship yesterday, it was his compatriot, Antonio Garrido, who held the lead at the end of the day with a 69, at the side of Tom Sieckmann, of the United States. Two Britons follow on 70, Sandy Lyle and the revived Gordon Brand, the older of the species, together with Ben Nasr of Tunisia. Among those on 72, enen par, are Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer, of west Germany.



Ballesteros: a master looking for the part.

Card of the course

Table with 5 columns: Hole, Yds, Par, Hole, Yds, Par. Rows 1-9.

He did not get a true hold on an eight-iron at the sixth, 170 yards down wind, and his ball swung back off the green a roll

of two short of what would have been a difficult bunker shot. Even so, he took three putts. His second to the seventh (385 yards) again found only the front of the green, and at the ninth, from a superb tee shot, he again came up comprehensively short of the flag.

FOOTBALL: FLAG OF ADVENTURE RAISED AGAIN

Platin's warning to Juventus

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent
A colourful flag is at last to be raised again on the Continental summit, England's standard has been flying there for six years but since Liverpool's initial glorious triumph in Rome in 1977, the European Cup final has been generally dull, defensive and shrouded in memories as pale as a heavy mountain mist.

EQUESTRIANISM

First prize taken by Mullins

By Jenny MacArthur, Vienna
Ireland's captain Gerry Mullins broke the Americans' run of three wins at the World Cup meeting in Vienna when he took the first prize in yesterday's Romaneque speed class. His clear round on the 13-year-old Irish Mor in 59.57sec put him narrowly ahead of Thomas Fruhmarm, of Austria, on Anzilion.

TENNIS: STATE EXPRESS CLASSIC AT BOURNEMOUTH

Bradnam provides sting amid tales of the unexpected

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent
There were so many oddities about yesterday's tennis in the State Express Classic at Bournemouth that it was not the least of them the sunshine - that one could drift along to almost any court and find a good tale to tell.

McEnroe pays penalty for temper

Las Vegas (Reuters) - John McEnroe was beaten by an unseeded American, Trey Waltke, in the first round of the \$400,000 tournament here yesterday. "I didn't play well enough to win," he said after going down 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Wekema knows no fear

By John Wilcockson
There is no denying the capacity of Albert Wekema, aged 26, the Dutch amateur who has won three stages in the Sealink International race this week. At Bath yesterday he gained the best of three victories when he beat the second round, clear of his professional shoo-in, Tony Doyle, who is now 13sec behind the leader.

Wekema knows no fear

Doyle was the beating of Wekema, as he proved by an attack on the one in six climb of Claverton Down, immediately before the one mile and a quarter descent down a twisting hill to the finish. Doyle reached the top, 25 yards ahead of Poland's Zbigniew Szczepkowski with Wekema just behind, but then he made a mistake. "I eased before the descent, expecting the other two British professionals to come through for a sprint finish," Doyle said.

Problems increasing for Masson at Kettering

By Paul Newman
Don Masson's first taste of football management could become bitter. The former Queen's Park Rangers midfielder took charge last month of Kettering Town, who are in increasing danger of being relegated from the Alliance Premier League.

Millwall's 'innocent' supporters

George Graham, manager of Millwall, who won the Football League Trophy at Lincoln on Wednesday, yesterday spoke out in defence of the third division club's supporters, after they had once again been criticized, following the 3-2 win over Lincoln City.

How Rix's day suddenly turned sour

The Arsenal midfielder player, Graham Rix, has known joy and despair in the space of a few hours. It was joy for Rix on Wednesday afternoon when he was called into England's European Championship squad against Hungary. But despair quickly followed as Rix slipped for the rest of the season.

Chappell in charge for the last time

Kandy (Reuters) - Greg Chappell will captain Australia in a Test match for the last time today when they meet Sri Lanka here in the first Test between the countries. Chappell, who has led Australia in more than 40 Tests, has said he will step down from the captaincy after the Sri Lanka tour but will be available to play for Australia under someone else.

Lips buttoned on shirts

The BBC made no comment yesterday about the possibility of allowing shirt advertising in televised football matches next season. The corporation's board of governors discussed their attitude to the controversial issue, but would not disclose any decision.

Wednesday's football results

Table with columns: League, Home, Away, Result.

TABLE TENNIS

Table with columns: Event, Winner, Score.

FOR THE RECORD

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CRICKET: LATE START TO NEW SEASON AT FENNER'S

Table with columns: Team, Innings, Runs, Wickets.

W Indies win Test and series

West Indies won the fourth Test match, and with it the series, against India in Bridgetown. A no-ball from India's vice-captain and wicket-keeper, Syed Kirmani, gave West Indies a comfortable 10-wicket victory on the final day of a 2-0 lead. West Indies needed only one run in their second innings after bowling the Indians out for 277.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table with columns: Division, Home, Away, Kick-off.

OTHER SPORT

ICE HOCKEY: English Championship Final, Bedlam 4-2, Ipswich 1-2.
RUGBY UNION: Old Bedlam weekend (Queen's Club).

ICE HOCKEY

World Championships (Group A): West Germany 2-1, Sweden 5-1, East Germany 4-1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Stanley Cup playoff series (best-of-seven): New York Islanders 4-2, New York Rangers 3-2.

BASERBALL

American League: Boston Red Sox 4-1, Cleveland Brewers 4-1, Toronto Blue Jays 3-1, Baltimore Orioles 2-1, Kansas City Royals 1-1, Detroit Tigers 1-0, New York Yankees 0-1, Philadelphia Phillies 0-1, Minnesota Twins 1-0, Seattle Mariners 2-1, Houston Astros 1-0, San Diego Padres 0-1, Pittsburgh Pirates 0-1, St. Louis Cardinals 0-1, Chicago Cubs 0-1, Cincinnati Reds 0-1, Milwaukee Brewers 0-1, San Francisco Giants 0-1, Los Angeles Dodgers 0-1.

TENNIS

Las Vegas State Express Classic (Group A): J. Conner 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; G. R. R. 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; S. M. 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.
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BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association: Philadelphia 76ers 107, New York Knicks 99, Portland Trail Blazers 108, Seattle SuperSonics 97, Phoenix Suns 100.

Fixture list for the 1983 cricket season

Prudential World Cup matches

April
FIRST CLASS MATCHES
Cambridge University v Leicestershire

June 11: India v Zimbabwe, Leicester, West Indies v Australia, Headingley

June 13: India v Australia, Trent Bridge; West Indies v Zimbabwe, Worcester

June 16: Australia v Zimbabwe, Southampton

June 18: India v India, Chelmsford; West Indies v Zimbabwe, Edgbaston

May
OTHER MATCH
Trent Bridge, Leicestershire v Gloucestershire

June 20: Australia v Zimbabwe, Trent Bridge; West Indies v India, Old Trafford

June 22: Winners of Group A v Runners-up of Group B; Old Trafford

June 25: Lord's

June 26: Lord's

June 27: Lord's

June 28: Lord's

June 29: Lord's

June 30: Lord's

July 1: Lord's

July 2: Lord's

July 3: Lord's

July 4: Lord's

July 5: Lord's

July 6: Lord's

July 7: Lord's

July 8: Lord's

July 9: Lord's

July 10: Lord's

July 11: Lord's

July 12: Lord's

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July 30: Lord's

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August 5: Lord's

August 6: Lord's

RACING

Classic contender: Wessal impressive winner of the Greenham Stakes at Newbury.
Waiting on the weather
The wet weather is playing havoc not only with the racing programme, but also with trainers' plans.

Today's racing washed out
There will be no racing in Britain today. Beverley called off their stables after a stormy night and the stewards will look at the course again at 12.30 today to see whether tomorrow's meeting can take place.

Simbad's long trip pays off
Roger Fisher sent two horses on the long trip from Ulverston in Cumbria to Taunton last week. Simbad, his first runner on the course, did not seem to be bothered by the journey.

Point-to-point
AVE VALE (Wednesday) Members: Down to Darius Affrican. All Right Again. Highbury. Highbury. Highbury. Highbury.

How the dedicated bikes-with-spikes fanatics found their answer in Sweden
Britain no longer a joke at Ben Hur game on ice
It seems that someone thought playing motorized Ben Hur on a bicycle was a bit tame, and came up with the bright idea: Why don't we do the same thing on ice?

OUTPOSTS
Leg clad from toe to thigh in a protector made from a tyre. Some riders use a special kind of tyre which allows scrape the ice, and they have to wear protectors there as well.

Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Middlesex
Wellingborough: Northamptonshire v Essex
Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Sussex

14-OTHER MATCH
Scarborough: England Young Cricketers v Australian Young Cricketers (Three day international match, four days)

17-TOUR MATCH
Essex v New Zealanders (for another county it Essex in NatWest series)

18-NATWEST TROPHY, Semi-finals
Essex v Northamptonshire
Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire

19-OTHER MATCHES
Essex v Gloucestershire
Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire

20-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Essex v Gloucestershire
Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire

21-JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
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Anniversaries
Births: Henry Fielding, Sharpshooter, 1707; Immanuel Kant, philosopher, Königsberg, Prussia, 1724; Madame de Staël, writer, Paris, 1766; Aleksandr Kerensky, revolutionary, Simbirsk, USSR, 1881; Kathleen Ferrier, singer, Higher Watton, Lancashire, 1912.

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The pound
Anstralia S 1.85 1.77
Austria Sch 28.90 26.35
Belgium Fr 78.50 74.50
Canada S 1.97 1.89
Denmark Kr 14.00 13.30
Finland Mkk 4.50 4.30
France Fr 117.7 112.7
Germany DM 3.52 3.72
Greece Dr 135.00 125.00
Hongkong S 10.37 10.32
Ireland Pt 1.24 1.19
Italy Lira 2315.00 2215.00
Japan Yen 385.42 365.00
Netherlands Gld 4.42 4.21
Norway Kr 11.50 10.90
Portugal Esc 165.00 148.00
South Africa Rd 2.02 1.85
Spain Pta 113.00 102.00
Sweden Kr 12.95 11.45
Switzerland Fr 1.91 1.83
USA S 1.59 1.53
Retail Price Index: 327.3.
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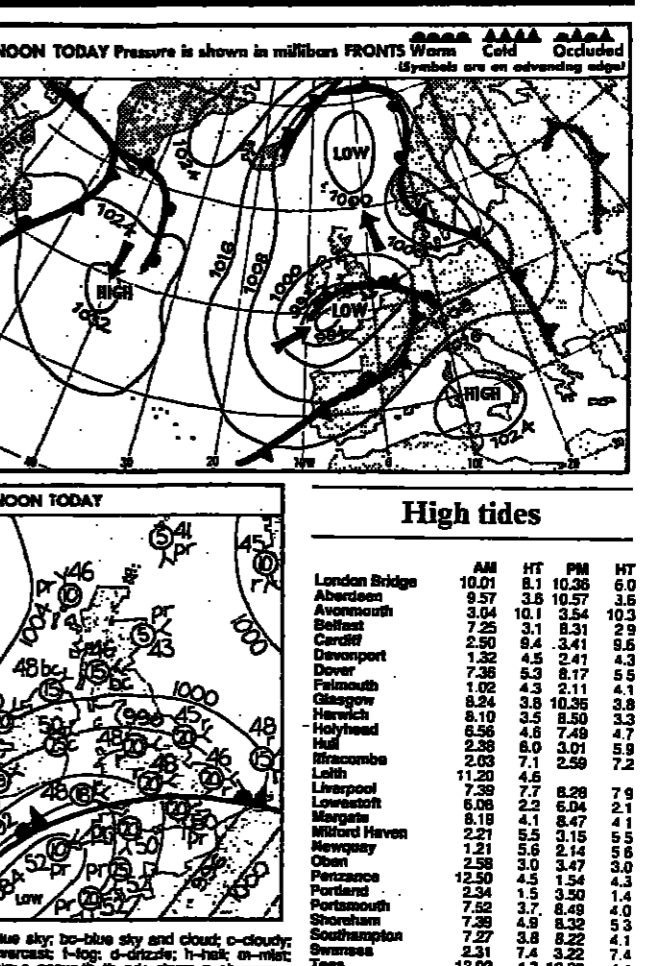
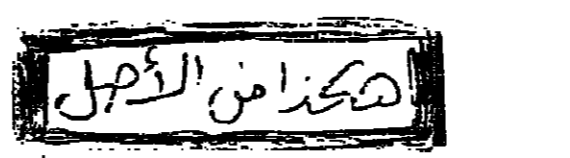


Table with columns for location, sun, rain, max, min, and other weather-related data for various regions in the UK and abroad.

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DEATHS
On April 19th, at his home, after a long illness, Sir John...
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WEDDINGS
On April 15th, at St. George's, London, the marriage of Miss...
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